

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2021
VIRTUAL/REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM**

The remote ZOOM meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Nathan Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present: Nathan Maltinsky, Chair
 Wendy Barry, Treasurer
 Mary-Ellen D'Espinosa, Housing Comm. Rep.
 Carol Hayes, Conservation Commission Rep.
 James McKay, At-Large Member
 Nicole Riley, Planning Board Rep.
 Erin Underhill, Select Board Rep.

Members absent: David Baker , At-Large Member
 Pamela Rheäume-Mustard, Recreation Dept. Rep.
 Catherine MacInnes, Finance Comm. Liaison

Also present: John Steadman, Conservation Commission Member

**Creation of Management Plan for Conservation Lands Project (File No. 2022-001)
Conservation Commission – Carol Hayes, Vice Chair**

Ms. Hayes, representing the Conservation Commission, presented the application for funding. The Conservation Commission is charged with protecting the natural resources of the Town of Millis. Presently, the Town has nine properties under the Commission's jurisdiction for open space and public use. The 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan created recommended that the conservation lands/properties under the Commission's jurisdiction be evaluated and mapped based on their resources. Management recommendations of these properties are also needed so the Town can plan for future needs.

Ms. Hayes stated that, on behalf of the Commission, she has contacted the Conway School of Landscape Design to potentially create a management plan for the conservation areas in Millis. The Conservation Commission is seeking \$10,000.00 in Community Preservation funds for creation of this plan.

Mr. Steadman, Conservation Commission member, spoke in support of the proposal on behalf of the Commission. He summarized the three objectives: (1) maintenance of properties currently under the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction for public access; (2) a capital plan to improve these properties and bring them up to standards; (3) create a strategy for other properties that may become available. The Commission would like to have something prepared to get before the Select Board and Finance Committee with the Community Preservation Committee's support.

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There was discussion regarding including all town-owned properties in the study; not just the Commission's suggested properties. That would encompass thirty-one (31) town-owned properties in total. Ms. Hayes and the Commission will contact the Conway School to discuss changing the scope of the initial proposal as it has changed substantially from what was originally proposed. Ms. Hayes and Mr. Steadman stated that the Commission will work on it and come back before the Committee at a later date.

Other Business:

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Barry, seconded by Mr. McKay, it was voted unanimously to approve the ZOOM meeting minutes of April 8, 2021 as written. By Roll Call Vote: Maltinsky – aye; Barry – aye; Hayes – aye; McKay – aye; Riley – aye; Underhill - aye.

Annual Televised Meeting

The annual CPC televised meeting will be Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 PM. (Note: the meeting date was changed to Thursday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM.)

Adjourn

There being no further discussion and, on a motion, made by Ms. Barry, seconded by Ms. Underhill, and voted unanimously, the ZOOM meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. By Roll Call Vote: Maltinsky – aye; Barry – aye; Hayes – aye; McKay – aye; Riley – aye; Underhill – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant